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Mr. James W. van Loben Sels, Director CALTRANS, 1120 N Street Sacramento, California 95814

Attention:

Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500

for Garland Hagen

Dear Mr. van Loben Sels:

SUBJECT: MTC FTIP AMENDMENT No. 97-01

We have completed our review of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Amendment No. 97-01 to its 1997 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) submitted with your letter dated December 10, 1996. We accept this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 as revised by the Metropolitan Planning Rule issued October 28, 1993, and effective November 29, 1993.

We find that this MTC TIP amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and section 49 USC 5303 of the Federal Transit Act. This finding has been coordinated with the Regional office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Region nine office of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding on single mode TIP Amendments (dated March 8, 1996).

This letter also constitutes approval, and inclusion of MTC's TIP Amendment No. 97-01 into California's 1996-97 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

Sincerely yours,

David H. Densmore Division Administrator